

# Titchmarsh Times

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## August/September 2008.

### ***Titchmarsh Flower and Vegetable Show – Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2008***

You will have received this year's Show programme by now and are hopefully planning your entries! Your entry form (in the back of the programme) must be delivered to a committee member by Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> and exhibits need to be at the Clubroom before 11am on Saturday morning. The doors are then closed for judging and reopen to the public at 2.30pm. During the afternoon you can not only admire the exhibits but also enjoy teas and ice creams, try your luck on the tombola, your skills at the skittles table and take up the challenge of 'smashing the egg'.

We are short of helpers on the day so if you can spare a couple of hours in the afternoon to help on a stall please contact Sylvia. We would be especially pleased to have some help from our teenage parishioners to run the 'smash the egg' stall from 2.30pm to 4.15pm. We need at least two, but the more the merrier! Please ring Sylvia or email her on [sylviaprestwich@aol.com](mailto:sylviaprestwich@aol.com)

### ***Titchmarsh Planters***

Thank you to everyone who bought a Spring Quiz in order to raise funds to fill the planters at each 'Titchmarsh' sign. I hope you all had some fun figuring out the questions. I am very pleased to tell you that the fantastic sum of £132 was raised, which will pay for Autumn / Winter planting as well. The winner of this Quiz lives in Wales – I'm not quite sure how it got that far! Once again, many thanks - Maggy Chapman

### ***Titchmarsh Walking Group***

Why not join our friendly group of walkers on routes of approximately 4 to 5 miles around the local area? August 2nd and August 30th are the dates of the next two Saturday morning walks - meeting at 10am at the D&P Green. We usually start and finish at a local pub, where refreshments are available after our walk. All welcome.

We shall also be holding a mid-week short walk on Tuesday August 12th, once again meeting at the D&P Green at 6.00pm. For further details, phone Maggy Chapman email: [melandmag@btinternet](mailto:melandmag@btinternet)

### ***200 Club Results***

**June** Jim James, Mark Burnett, Jim Wells, J. Levitt.

**July** Mr/Mrs Waterfield, Mrs S Wells, Miss J. Wood, Barbara Jenkinson.

All the above won £10.00 each. Well done.

## **STITCHMARSH**

After the summer break Stitchmarsh will be meeting on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in the Clubroom.

This will be the make or break meeting as far as the future of this group is concerned. So please come along, its future is in your hands.

The proposed theme or idea, if this group is to continue, is patchwork.

Make a note in your diary and please come along all you crafters. *Eleanor Greig*

## **FOTS Ball**

The F.O.T.S 'Snow' Ball will now be on Friday, 21st November. This is changed from the Saturday night due to caterer problems! We hope you can all still come along to this fantastic evening and we have a NEW BAND!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

The Friends of Titchmarsh School would also like to thank everyone for all the support we have received during this school year and indeed every year. It is really appreciated and we couldn't raise the money to do what we do for the school children without your help. THANK YOU. *Ruth Knight*

## **Playing Field News**

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September is the date of our annual 'Street Challenge' quiz, so why don't you and your neighbours get together to try and win our magnificent trophy for your street. Six members of the eight-strong team should reside in the street you are representing with two guests allowed. The quiz takes place in the Clubroom, where a meal will be provided, at a cost of £7.50 each. If you'd like to enter this light-hearted event, call Gina who will put you in touch with your street representative — but hurry as numbers are limited.

Our AGM took place recently and we have just one place available on the committee, so if you have young children, use the facilities regularly or have a general interest in how the Playing Field is run we'd love to hear from you, or just come along to one of our meetings which take place the first Thursday of every month.

With work on the new pavilion progressing well to schedule, it looks likely the official opening will take place in the middle of October when we hope to get a sporting celebrity to do the honours – watch out for notices nearer the time. Rates for hire of all the facilities at the Playing Field have now been fixed – call Melvyn Chapman for more details.

The forthcoming season will see two other Thrapston-based teams (The Fox, and AFC) using the pitch as well as our own village side; there will also be under-10 training sessions on Saturday mornings.

After so much hard work put in by all those concerned in the development of the new pavilion, the committee was appalled to find the building covered in graffiti on the morning of Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup>. We will not tolerate this type of behaviour — anyone found causing wanton damage will be severely dealt with, and if anyone has any information, please inform the Police or a member of the committee.

**Activities for Young People** are being held in the Clubroom on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July, Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> August and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August from 10.00 am to 12.00 Noon on each day. These activities are part of the Rural Community Programme and have been held in the village on several occasions over the past few years. They are very popular, good fun and are open to children between the ages of 8 - 13 years. Simply turn up at the Clubroom on any of the above days - cost £2.00 per 2 hour session.

### ***Titchmarsh School.***

The end of the school year is just around the corner. We have had an excellent year. We have filled it with lots of achievement and enjoyable activities. The year started well, as the school was awarded the prestigious International School Award. The year has ended with news that we have been awarded our ECO Green Flag, which symbolises excellence in the field of environmental activity. Thank you to every body involved with helping our little school achieve two such big awards!

Now we look forward to the challenges of the next academic year. School will open at 8.50am on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2008.

Thank you for your support and encouragement.

*Mrs J. Milton. Headteacher*

### ***Titchmarsh Pre-School.***

We held our Annual Sports Day on the 27<sup>th</sup> June at Titchmarsh School Playing fields, it was a lovely day and the children were presented with rosettes for their great effort on the day. We would like to thank Titchmarsh Primary School for allowing us to host the event on their playing fields.

We have 16 children who will be leaving us to move onto primary School this September, and on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July they spent the morning visiting their new schools during transfer day. We held our annual Open morning on this day to welcome lots of children who popped in to visit us for a play and for parents to ask questions about Preschool. Nine children from Titchmarsh Pre-school will be moving on to Titchmarsh C of E Primary School this September and we will be holding our end of year Party at Cheeky Monkey's in Corby where we will be saying goodbye to our leavers.

In September 2008, we will have a new curriculum to work towards and part of these changes will involve improving our outdoor play facilities. We have been successful in grant funding to help us to develop our outdoor play area and during the summer holidays we will be tarmac-ing the outside car park area which will give the children a safer play area. We will also have a painted race track for the children to ride their trikes and in addition we have plans for a sandpit area, a garden area and sensory corner. This project has only been possible due to the continued support of the parents and people from the local area who have attended our fundraising events and of course the support of the clubroom committee. Thanks to everyone and we look forward to your continued support for next year.

During the summer holidays, on August 12<sup>th</sup>, we have invited all parents with young children to meet with us on the playing fields for a teddy bears picnic from 11.30 until 2pm, all are welcome.

We are also looking to the possibility of opening for a further full day on Fridays from September which will mean that we will be open 4 full days per week.

9.15 am – 2.45 pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

9:15 – 11:45pm on Monday.

If you have a child of 2.5 to 5 years old and would like more information about Pre-School, do please contact us on 07879 072796, or call in during session time (09.15 – 11.45 on Monday and 09.15-11.45 or 2.15 pm – 2.45 pm on Tuesday's, Wednesday, Thursday's and Friday), or even go to our web site [www.titchmarshpreschool.co.uk](http://www.titchmarshpreschool.co.uk).

## ***News from the Dog and Partridge.***



Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> August we have live band 'Hutch' playing a mix of Rock and popular songs. – Some regulars may remember them from a few years ago.

We are also planning our First Anniversary on Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup> September. The year has gone so quickly we feel celebrations are in order to thank regulars for their support... Look out on the Pub Notice Board for further details

The Monthly Quiz night is taking its usual summer break and will return in September in its usual slot of the second Sunday of the month, the 14<sup>th</sup> 8pm

We are looking forward to and fully supporting Dave at the "Wheatsheaf" who is organising a 3 Legged Race Relay in aid of the Titchmarsh Football team. Relays will be between the Wheatsheaf and the Dog and Partridge and I'm sure will attract many spectators. It starts at 1pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> August.

We have launched a new set lunchtime menu which is priced at £5.75 for 2 courses and £7.75 for 3 courses which is running along side the full lunchtime menu and is available Tuesday to Saturday. We still have the traditional Sunday Roast on offer...

We look forward to seeing you soon. From all at the Dog and Partridge

### ***"The Wheatsheaf"***



We go Indian on 29th July serving homemade curries with the finest ingredients and then every Tuesday onwards. Come on down and spice up your life.

Bank Holiday, Funday -25th August: the ferrets are back!  
Boulathon, outdoor games, outdoor skittles, outdoor bar, BBQ, outdoor disco, cricket, surprises and much, much more.... more details to follow soon. David

### ***Titchmarsh Village Fete.***

A big thank you to all who helped, donated, performed and/or spent money at this year's fete. The weather was fine – which this year was a big relief - and we did even better than last year. Titchmarsh House gardens were open, under the National Gardens Scheme, which helped to contribute to the success of the day. Our thanks to the Play Setters German Sheppard (sic) Display Team who came and gave such a splendid display of dog agility and obedience. Also thanks to the emergency services. This was the first time that we had all three emergency services in attendance and it was a great opportunity for the children to look around the special vehicles. As always the parachuting teddies were a big success and everyone enjoyed listening to the Rushden Town Band.

In all we made a profit of around £4900 which has enabled the fete committee to distribute cheques of £1700 to the Church and £750 each to the Clubroom, Playing Fields, FOTS and Pre-School.

### **TOAwST**

Many thanks to all those who braved the weather to attend our Californian evening.

The rain didn't dampen spirits and I believe everyone had a good time and experienced the qualities of Californian wines.

The next meeting will be on Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> September in the Clubroom at 8.00p.m. The focus has yet to be decided.

Until then, Cheers Jeff and Jo

### ***Clubroom.***

As mentioned in the last edition of the Titchmarsh Times, we plan to redecorate the Clubroom over the summer and are looking for volunteers to help us with this task – primarily with their labour but any donations of paintbrushes, white spirit, sandpaper, etc will also be greatly appreciated.

If anyone is able to assist us in this task from 14<sup>th</sup> August onwards please contact either Alan Dexter or John Gaskin for details – you may only be able to offer only a single morning or afternoon but, as they say, 'every little helps'!

The Clubroom will be out of action between 14<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> August to allow the redecoration to take place – this coincides with the work being undertaken by the Pre-school to resurface the car park area with more child-friendly tarmac and replace their storage garage. The Committee apologises for any inconvenience to potential hirers these works may cause but we hope to have a face-lifted Clubroom for hire again for the start of September.

Lastly, thanks to the Fete Committee for the contribution of £750 from the proceeds of the fete; the timing couldn't have been better as this just about matches our insurance premium that falls due at the end of July.

*Paul Milner*

## ***Parish Council.***

**Village of the Year.** The judges came to Titchmarsh in April, and we felt that their visit went well. The results will be announced on 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

We do not hold a Parish Council meeting in August, so there will not be an opportunity for you to attend Public Open Time. Our next full Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday, 18th September 2008.

During our warm, wet summer we are all experiencing heavy growth in our gardens. If your boundary is alongside a pavement or footpath, **please cut back your overgrown trees and shrubs** so that they do not overhang pathways and cause a hazard. Thank you.

The Parish Council produce a **Welcome Pack** for newcomers to the village, So if you are new to the village and have not yet received a Welcome Pack, please contact Sylvia Prestwich (sylviaprestwich@aol.com), who will arrange to have one delivered to you.

## ***Titchmarsh Village Shop.***

We are delighted that our air-conditioning has now been installed after we were fortunate in obtaining a grant towards the cost. Customers and staff alike appreciate the difference in temperature! Many thanks to everyone who has donated their loose change to our collection and bought raffle tickets, all of which has contributed towards the total cost. We are grateful to Miles Routley, of Summit Air System, for carrying out the installation so efficiently.

We have taken the advice of our part-time managers, Sue and Helen, as to how the management of the business should continue in the longer term. As a result we are seeking one full- time Manager. We will be holding interviews in the next couple of weeks with a view to appointing a Manager before the beginning of September.

After being with us since the opening day Helen has now left us. Sue will stay until the new manager is appointed. The Committee would like to thank Helen and Sue for all their hard work and commitment in seeing the business through the early months of trading and helping to establish TVS as part of the village community.

Holiday time is now upon us and with it comes the need for additional volunteer staff to try and keep the shop open at all times. If you have a couple of hours to spare we would love to hear from you – please just call in and have a chat about what you may be able to do for your community shop.

It hardly seems possible that the first anniversary of the opening of TVS is fast approaching, on 21<sup>st</sup> September. This is cause for celebration so look out for further details of our first birthday party!

*Management Committee of Titchmarsh Village Shop Association Ltd*

## ***From the Rector.***

### ***Baptism-or Christening....***

Is a significant way of symbolising Christ's welcome & the Church's corresponding welcome. So, to quote the Church of England website: 'Baptisms usually take place in the church's main service, because they are a public declaration that your child has become part of the church family. It is important that the church congregation is there to support you and welcome your child. However, if personal circumstances make this difficult, talk your parish priest'.

I'm delighted to say that between now and Christmas it has been possible to arrange for several baptisms to take place on the second Sunday afternoon of the month when we normally have our all age ('family') service.

I hope very much that regulars and not only the family and friends of those directly concerned will make the effort to join us.

You too will be very welcome.

### ***Titchmarsh Church Services***

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| Aug 3 <sup>rd</sup>   | 9.15am Morning Prayer  |
| Aug 10 <sup>th</sup>  | 9.15am Communion & 4pm Baptism/Family Service (see above)  |
| Aug 17 <sup>th</sup>  | 9.15am Communion   |
| Aug 24 <sup>th</sup>  | 9.15am Communion   |
| Aug 31 <sup>st</sup>  | 9.15am Communion   |
| Sept 7 <sup>th</sup>  | 9.15am Morning Prayer  |
| Sept 14 <sup>th</sup> | 10.30am Wadenhoe - Licensing of Liz Waller as Assistant Priest<br>(No 9.15am Service) 3pm Baptism/Family Service (see above) |
| Sept 21 <sup>st</sup> | 9.15am Communion   |
| Sept 28 <sup>th</sup> | 9.15am Communion   |
| Oct 5 <sup>th</sup>   | 11.30am Harvest  |

### ***From the Registers***

May Mabbutt (formerly of Titchmarsh) died on 25<sup>th</sup> May aged 82 and was buried in Titchmarsh on 2<sup>nd</sup> June

For christenings, weddings, funerals – and visits for any other reason - please contact Jim Mynors (Rector) (usual day off – Friday) email [Jim@Mynors.me.uk](mailto:Jim@Mynors.me.uk)

### **Church rotas – August & September 2008**

| <i>date</i>                     | <i>Flowers</i>   | <i>Sidesmen</i>         | <i>Readers</i>    |
|---------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> August 2008     | Mrs S Hankins    | Dr S Bell               | Mr T Higgins      |
|                                 |                  |                         | Dr G Webster      |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> August 2008    | Miss J Finlayson | am:                     | am: Mrs J Bussens |
|                                 |                  | pm: Mrs R Knight        | pm: Mr J Hope     |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> August 2008    | Mrs S Prestwich  | Mr A Powell             | Mrs J Powell      |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> August 2008    | Mrs A King       | Lady Harper             | Sir Ewan Harper   |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2008    | Mrs G Gaskin     | Mrs J Fieldsend         | Mr J Fieldsend    |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2008  | Mrs A Dunn       | Mrs B Berry             | Mrs B Berry       |
|                                 |                  |                         | Mrs A Dunn        |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> September 2008 | Mrs B Ray        | am: Service at Wadenhoe | Benefice          |
|                                 |                  | Pm: Mrs C Blackman      | Phoebe Sadler     |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> September 2008 | Mrs C Wilcox     | Mr A Powell             | Mr T Higgins      |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> September 2008 | Mrs M Cranch     | Mr A Powell             | Mr S Barber       |

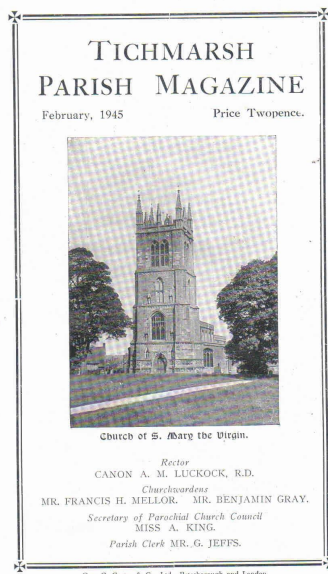
## **TITCHMARSH P.C.C.**

The Harvest Festival will be on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>, October at 11.30am in the Church, followed by lunch and the usual auction of produce. There will be a bar. The ticket price will stay at £5 for adults and £3 for children. Please note that this is the only thing that has not gone up this year.

The Quiz Night will be held on Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> November with all the usual shenanigans, but remember the Quizmaster's word is law. Supper and prizes are included. Tickets this year will be £8 and there will be a bar.

On Friday October 11<sup>th</sup> there will be Music in Quiet Places in the Church at 7.30, with refreshments on sale in the interval and at the end of the concert. More details later.

## **Titchmarsh Local History Group.**



We have been given two collections of old Parish Magazines. One came from the late Marge Dorrington and the other was found by the Rector, Jim Mynors.

On **Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> September** in the Club Room we will be looking through these magazines. They give an interesting insight into the life of the village in the 1930's through to the 1950's.

Please come and join us at 7.30 pm. Entrance £2.50 and refreshments as always provided.

For any additional information Please contact John Greig

### **Finally.**

The October/November Edition will be put together, in my absence from the UK, by Geoff Love of Horseshoe Cottage, Chapel Street.

Please send your contributions to [geoff@octane-magazine.com](mailto:geoff@octane-magazine.com) by **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September** at the very latest. Thank you all. *John Greig (Editor)*